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relating to Project CORONA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT: CORONA Operational Subjects

REFERENCE: COR 0161

1. Regarding paragraph 1a of reference, Col. Sheppard advises that he intends to have Col. Geary handle having this published by USAF after BMD has prepared it. He will ask Geary to coordinate it with us for our concurrence prior to presenting it to the proper office in USAF for publication. This will insure that it is consistent with our cover story and operational concepts.

2. The "Letter of Understanding" referred to in paragraph 1b of reference will be prepared by this Directorate and coordinated with the Project Staff, Cols. Sheppard, Geary and L/C Mathison. It will be presented for your approval and/or guidance prior to coordination with Sheppard and Mathison.

3. Control message formats and other operational control procedures mentioned in reference will also be prepared by this Directorate, coordinated as appropriate and submitted for your approval.

4. The matter of a more positive back-up for surface recovery was also discussed with Sheppard. He agrees that this is an important subject and will put his people to working on it as soon as he gets back. He seemed reasonably optimistic that policy approval to use either amphibious aircraft and/or parachutists should not be difficult if surface conditions in the recovery area are acceptable. He is touching base with Geary on this during his current Washington visit for any assistance Geary may be able to give. This Directorate will monitor this subject closely and report progress as appropriate.

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